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DL Troopers Arrest Cottondale Man

Alabama state troopers with Public Safety's Driver License Fraud Unit arrested a Cottondale man Sept. 19 on warrants charging him with forgery in the second degree and identity theft in the first degree.

Dennis Degraffenreid, 56, was stopped as he was backing out of the driveway at his residence and taken into custody without incident. During a search of Degraffenreid's person and vehicle, the troopers located eight stolen credit cards, merchandise and other property allegedly stolen during area burglaries. With assistance of troopers assigned to the Highway Patrol Division, Degraffenreid was transported to the Tuscaloosa County Jail.

The felony warrants resulted from Degraffenreid's having fraudulently obtained an Alabama driver license and identification card under an assumed identity, Albert Summerville. Investigation into the case by the Driver License Division Fraud Unit led to Tuesday's arrest.

Investigation by the Department of Public Safety and Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office is ongoing, and additional charges are pending.

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